

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Benjamin P. Westover on 6/19/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. Claim 1 has been amended and the other claims are as previously presented:

1. (Currently Amended) A surface treating appliance comprising:
a main body having a longitudinal axis;
a support assembly which is connected to the main body and arranged to ~~roll~~ rotate with respect to the main body for allowing the appliance to be rolled along a surface; and
a surface treating head connected to the main body;
wherein the support assembly comprises one or more rotatable members having outer surfaces which together form a single substantially continuous rolling support surface in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the main body, the support surface being symmetrical about the longitudinal axis of the main body.

Claims 2-22 are previously presented.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

b. The prior art neither anticipates nor render obvious the claimed invention BECAUSE THE ENTIRE SUPPORT ROTATES WITH RESPECT TO THE MAIN BODY AND THE SURFACE TREATMENT HEAD WHICH READS OVER THE SAUERS BECAUSE SAUERS CANNOT FUNCTION WITH THE ROLLER BEIGN THE ENTIRE SUPPORT AND THEN ROTATING BECAUSE IT MUST ALSO SUPPORT THE HANDLE, WHEELS AND BRUSH AS TAUGHT IN THE PATENT 3150394. AS A RESULT, THE PRIOR ART NEITHER ANTICIPATES NOR RENDERS OBVIOUS THE AFOREMENTIONED INVENTION.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LEE D. WILSON whose telephone number is 571-272-4499. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MONICA CARTER can be reached on 571-272-4475. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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